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Re: East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., Owen Electric Cooperative, and Gallatin Steel Company  
Petition for Confidential Protection received 11/3/10  
PSC Reference #: 2010-00429

Dear Counselors:

The Public Service Commission has received the Joint Petition for Confidential Protection you jointly filed on November 3, 2010 on behalf of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., ("EKPC"), Owen Electric Cooperative, ("OEC"), and Gallatin Steel Company, ("Gallatin") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in a "Special Contract" between EKPC, OEC and Gallatin. The information is identified as paragraphs 12 and 13, and more particularly described as follows: Paragraph 12 describes the size and nature of Gallatin load, load scheduling methodology, and adjustment of costs for imbalances. Paragraph 13 addresses regulation and costs

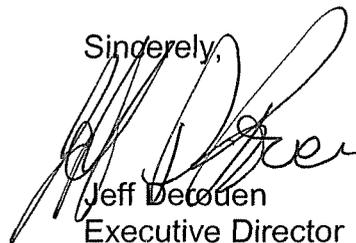
which could be incurred if more costly generation is required to comply with NERC requirements.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise EKPC, OEC and Gallatin's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to their competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to EKPC, OEC and Gallatin's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., Owen Electric Cooperative, and Gallatin Steel Company, are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Detouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record